

REMEMBERING MARGARET L.
JACUBEC PAVLOV

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Margaret L. Jacubec Pavlov, who passed October 26, 2022. She was 85 years old.

Margaret, affectionately known as "Peggy" and "Bam," was born on September 28, 1937, in East Palestine, Ohio, a daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Gibb Gough, Jr. At the age of seven, she moved to Struthers and lived with her grandparents. Charles and Mary Gough, Sr., while her father was in World War II. Peggy was a graduate of Struthers High School and attended Kent State University for Journalism.

She married young and had four children, Elizabeth, Jill, Jon and Matthew. After her youngest child started school, she and her best friend, Margy Becker, opened a successful Struthers business, Phelan's Paint and Paper. Her humor and laughter were a part of the success of that business. She continued her career with other endeavors, becoming a real estate agent and interior decorating. Her final job was as the Office Manager for Total Care Psychological Services, where she made many lifelong friends. In 2020, she retired at the age of 83.

Among her many talents, her Christmas trees were decorated, displaying her artistic ability. She loved a good competition. If it be growing zucchinis or the Word Jumble on Sunday morning if you were up for it. She frequented New York City, going every year from the age of 18 to 82. When it came to music and movies, you could always find Sinatra or Elvis playing on her radio and good ole westerns playing on the TV starring John Wayne.

Peggy supported her four grandsons in their basketball and football high school and college years and softball for her only granddaughter, Jaelyn. She had an open-door policy for her homes for anyone to visit, stay and eat. Her last two homes were chosen because the swimming pools would be a place for friends and family to gather.

While attending a Struthers Wildcat Reunion, she reconnected, after 40 years, with her high school sweetheart, John Pavlov. They married and continued a loving relationship until John's passing in 2021. Whatever life threw her way, Peggy conquered with grace and a smile.

She was blessed with lifelong and loyal friends, Bernie Pavlansky, who comforted her every day with back rubs and stories shared of their escapades; Joanne Howard and her delicious food; Catherine and Ken Baker and their fun trips to Geneva on Halloween and New York City; Marion Creed and their weekly lunch; Mabel Creed who was an influential person in her life; Dan Becker and Dottie for being loyal and loving friends whom she loved dearly and all of her wonderful neighbors on Hamilton Blvd.

She leaves behind her four children, Elizabeth, Jill, Jon and his wife, Nancy, whom Peggy considered a daughter and Matthew; her loving siblings, Walt Gough and Phoebe Horvath; grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan, Jacob, Jaret and Jaelyn; her friend and cousin,

Ted Gough; nieces, Amy Cuffle and Jenni Chichka and her best buddy and four-legged companion, Wilson. In addition to her parents, Peggy was preceded in death by the father of her children, Richard "Jooks" Jacubec and father and mother-in-law, Emil and Nellie Jacubec.

HONORING IRL PORTER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Iral Porter for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022. Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Iral Porter's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Iral Porter for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

TRIBUTE TO KATIE FRALEY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend Katie Fraley. She influenced countless students over four decades in the classroom and was an enthusiastic force in the civic life of the Taylorville community.

Katie worked to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois by attending night school in Springfield and summer school in Champaign, while teaching school in Taylorville and raising her young daughter.

For nearly 40 years, she taught fourth grade at North Elementary School, where she arrived every day flamboyantly dressed and raring to go. She cared deeply about her students and took great pride in their accomplishments in the classroom and in all stages of their lives. She was known for directing the school's Christmas musicals, holding an annual Hawaiian luau, and instructing students in the fine art of assembling scrapbooks about Abraham Lincoln.

After 41 years in the classroom, Katie "retired", leaving teaching but not education. She was elected to three four-year terms on the Taylorville School Board. Her vision was for the school district to build a fine arts center, a goal that is now in early planning and fundraising phases. She was an energetic fixture in many facets of community life and was involved with the Taylorville First United Methodist Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the P.E.O., an international

women's education and advocacy organization.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Vance Fraley, of Taylorville, her children Karen, Lenae, Derek, and Lena, and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and countless former students who have said that she was an influential figure in their education and in their lives.

The Taylorville community won't be the same without Katie. Rest in Peace, my friend.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUILDING SKILLS PARTNERSHIP

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Building Skills Partnership (BSP) on 15 years of improving the quality of life of property service workers in low-wage industries, as well as their families and communities.

BSP is a non-profit organization founded with the vision of creating an equitable playing field for California's working families to succeed in their careers and educational endeavors. Born out of the Justice for Janitors movement that helped thousands of immigrant janitors achieve a more just way of living and working, BSP partnered with responsible businesses and employers to pilot its first workplace training, which focused on Vocational English language acquisition.

BSP programs serve 5,500 participants annually and focus on workforce development, immigrant inclusion, and community advancement. The organization offers career and education programs that enable workers' personal and professional success. Today, BSP represents a unique partnership between over 90 janitorial employers, over 60 commercial building owners, the Service Employees International Union—United Service Workers West (SEIU-USWW), and the broader community. With collaboration and a holistic approach to programming, BSP continues to strive to create an equitable future for working families to build a better life.

Thanks to BSP's dedication, BSP has expanded to seven major cities across California and broadened its programming to fully address the unique barriers immigrant janitors and their children face in realizing the benefits of social, civic, and economic integration.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 15th anniversary of Building Skills Partnership.

HONORING CORNELIA "CORKY" DOZIER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.